

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-5 and 7 are pending in the present application.

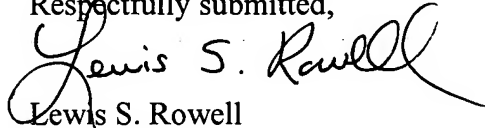
Claims 1-5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,206,208 to Thomas.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's counsel during a telephone interview on February 8, 2005. The substance of that interview is as follows:

- 1) The interview did not include any exhibits or demonstrations.
- 2) Claim 1 was discussed.
- 3) The prior art discussed included U.S. Patent No. 2,206,208 to Thomas:
- 4) Applicant's counsel and the Examiner discussed the Thomas reference and amendments to Claim 1 that would distinguish over Thomas.
- 5) Thomas does not disclose, teach, or suggest an applicator that has a self-contained liquid reservoir, a handle that is closeable at one end, or a handle that is pivotal about a fixed axis that is spaced apart from the pump.
- 6) No other pertinent matters were discussed.
- 7) As a result of the interview, Applicant would file a Reply to reflect the points and proposed amendments discussed during the interview.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is now in condition for an immediate allowance with Claims 1-5 and 7, and such action is requested. If any matter remains unresolved, Applicant's counsel would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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